

# REGISTRATION SERVICE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date: 9/4/91

Full name Darrell Sparks Social Security no. [REDACTED]  
(Do not use initials if you can get the full name.)  
 Address [REDACTED]  
 City Wilmington State DE ZIP code 19808  
 Date of birth 2/14/70 (This is important: it should be exact.)  
 Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known.)  
 Religion NE Nationality (citizen of) USA  
 Occupation College Student/Waiter Marriott  
 Education Cecil Community College  
 Weight 150 lb Height 5'10" Race Cauc. Color of hair Blonde Color of eyes Browns  
 Distinguishing physical characteristics \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hobbies or special interests Photography  
 Married ☐ Single ☒ Name of spouse NA  
 Children: Number NA Names and ages NA

## SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit no.	City	State	Position	Date registered	Date resigned

Chartered organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special recognitions \_\_\_\_\_  
 Incident: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

### Type

### Resolution

- ☒ 1. Scouting related
- ☐ 2. Not Scouting related
- ☐ 3. Homosexual (not specifically involving youth)

- ☐ 1. Internal (only BSA members know)
- ☐ 2. Criminal action
- ☐ 3. Court action
- ☐ 4. Probationary status
- ☒ 5. Reported to state agency

### Check-off list of attached documentation

- ☒ 1. Description of incident
- ☒ 2. Statement by victim(s)
- ☐ 3. Media reports - None
- ☐ 4. Legal proceedings

- ☐ 5. Offender's statement
- ☒ 6. Official notification of termination
- ☐ 7. Found guilty/innocent by court

Council Del-Mar-Va Council - #81  
Wilm., DE

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Scout executive  
James M. Gentry

**CONFIDENTIAL NOTED**

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CONF025454

January 6, 1992

Mr. Charles O. Ball  
Assistant Regional Director  
Northeast Region

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DARRELL C. SPARKS

Dear Charlie:

I have carefully read the file on Mr. Sparks, and have also had it reviewed by David Park, our legal counsel. We have some serious concerns.

It is indicated in the file which we have that Mr. Sparks sexually molested [REDACTED], according to the written testimony. I don't find anywhere it has been denied that he did this.

He also apparently was having this underage youth at his apartment, and by himself, so that we had one adult, and one youth member together, which is against our policy.

I know there is a fine line between the conversion of youth to adult related to the basic Boy Scout policy, but at the present time we are using the age breakdown based on the age of 18, and when individuals can become adult members.

We really don't have anything that indicates whether the council told Darrell why he was being suspended, or his reaction. Just because the individual would not press charges or talk to the council individuals, or to the Department of Public Safety, are not legitimate reasons for reinstating him.

READY FOR FILE  
JAN 06 1992  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF025455

I hate to put you in this position, but I feel that at this time we must have a complete statement of the reason the review committee decided to reinstate Mr. Sparks. At that point, we will be most happy to re-analyze this situation, but at the present time we do not feel that a letter should be written to Mr. Sparks reinstating him.

Don't hesitate to call me, if we should discuss this before we go further.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office  
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079  
Irving, Texas 75015-2079

*David K. Park*

*214-580-2005*

David K. Park  
214-580-2005  
S400



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

National Office  
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079  
214-580-2000

January 2, 1992

SUBJECT: DARRELL C. SPARKS

From: Paul Ernst, S108

To: David Park, S400

### PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

I would like you to review the above mentioned file. The region has conducted a review, and would like to reinstate Mr. Sparks.

I would like your concurrence on the reinstatement before they send a letter to Mr. Sparks. Please let me know the direction we should go.

eko

cc: Charles D. Ball, Northeast Region

CONF025458



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Northeast Region  
P.O. Box 350  
Dayton, New Jersey 08810-0350  
Telephone: (908) 821-6500  
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December 23, 1991

Mr. Paul I. Ernst - S108  
Director, Registration  
Council Services Division  
National Council, BSA

Dear Paul:

Enclosed are the minutes of a conference call of the Northeast Region's Maintaining Standards of Leadership Review Committee held December 23, 1991.

The committee is recommending the following action:

1. That PAUL B. LUONGO, DARRELL SPARKS and RICHARD SULLIVAN be allowed to register with the Boy Scouts of America. -- Unanimously approved.
2. That the local council decision to deny membership to JOHN PELLETIER, SR. be upheld. -- Unanimously approved.

I have sent the denial letter (copy enclosed) to John Pelletier, Sr. I will not contact Luongo, Sparks and Sullivan until you approve or deny the regional review committee's recommendation in writing.

Thanks, Paul.

Cordially,

CHARLES D. BALL  
Assistant Regional Director

Enc.  
1413H/hw

cc: Rudy Flythe  
Regional Review Committee

Maintaining Standards of Leadership  
Regional Review Committee


M I N U T E S

Conference call 10:00 A.M., December 23, 1991  
Chairman Leon Nonemaker, presiding  
Walt Livingston, committee member  
Fred Faber, committee member  
Charles D. Ball, staff advisor

The committee reviewed 4 local council membership denials. After discussing each situation, the committee arrived at the following unanimous decisions.

1. First denial reviewed--JOHN PELLITIER, SR., Lawrence, MA. The committee agrees with the denial made by the North Essex Council, Lawrence, MA.
2. Second denial reviewed--PAUL B. LUONGO, Old Colony Council, Canton, MA. The committee recommends that Paul B. Luongo be allowed to register with the Boy Scouts of America.
3. Third denial reviewed--DARRELL C. SPARKS, Del-Mar-Va Council, Wilimington, DE. The committee recommends that Darrell C. Sparks be allowed to register with the Boy Scouts of America.
4. Fourth denial reviewed--Richard A. Sullivan, Lone Tree Council, Haverhill, MA. The committee recommends that Richard A. Sullivan be allowed to register with the Boy Scouts of America.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles D. Ball  
Assistant Regional Director

cc: Rudy Flythe  
Paul I. Ernst  
Review Committee  
4 Regional files

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ERIN O'RILEY

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October 23, 1991

Mr. Charles D. Ball  
Assistant Regional Director  
Northeast Region

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DARRELL C. SPARKS

Dear Charlie:

Enclosed is a copy of our complete file on Mr. Sparks. Please proceed with your review on the regional level.

Thanks for your help, and please keep us informed of the outcome.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

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Enclosure

READY FOR FILE  
OCT 24 1991  
ERIN O'RILEY

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## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Northeast Region  
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Telephone: (908) 821-6500  
Fax: (908) 821-0810

October 18, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst - S108  
Director, Registration  
National Council, BSA

Dear Paul:

The Northeast Region has received a request for a review of membership denial by the Del-Mar-Va Council to Darrell C. Sparks, 5551 Limeric Circle, Wilmington, DE 19808.

Please send me a copy of the items in Mr. Spark's file and give us permission to review this file. Thanks.

Sincerely,

CHARLES D. BALL  
Assistant Regional Director

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Northeast Region  
P.O. Box 350  
Dayton, New Jersey 08810-0350  
Telephone: (908) 821-6500  
Fax: (908) 821-0810

October 18, 1991

Mr. Darrell C. Sparks  
[REDACTED]  
Wilmington, DE 19808

Dear Mr. Sparks:

The president of the Northeast Region has appointed a committee to act upon your request for a review of your denial of membership with the Boy Scouts of America.

I will contact you at a later date with the review committee's decision.

Sincerely,

CHARLES D. BALL  
Assistant Regional Director

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cc: Regional Director  
National Director of Registration  
Regional Review Committee  
SE, Del-Mar-Va Council

October 25, 1991

Mr. James M. Gentry  
Scout Executive  
Del-Mar-Va Council, No. 81

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: DARRELL SPARKS

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the detailed information sent concerning the above Scouter. This case has been reviewed with our attorney and is now on our permanent Ineligible Volunteer File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration and Statistical Service

eko

cc: Charles D. Ball, Northeast Region,

READY FOR FILE  
OCT 21 1991  
ERIN O'RILEY

CONF025465

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Del-Mar-Va Council, Inc. No. 81  
801 Washington Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801-1597  
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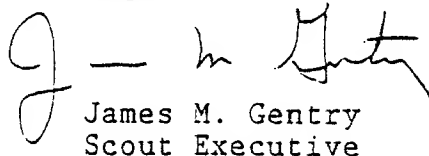
September 30, 1991

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Statistical Service  
National Council, BSA  
P. O. Box 152079  
Irving, TX 75015-2079

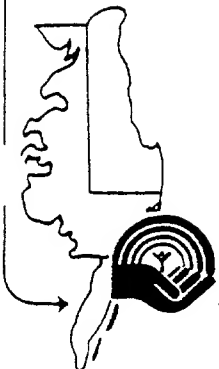
Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a letter from Det. Rand Townley of the New Castle County Criminal Investigation Unit. This brings to conclusion all the documentation regarding the incident involving [REDACTED] and Darrell Sparks.

Regards,

  
James M. Gentry  
Scout Executive

JMG/pe  
Enclosures  
cc: Charles D. Ball, Ass't. Regional Director  
Northeast Region, BSA



A MEMBER AGENCY—SERVING THE PENINSULA

CONF025466

Monday, August 14, 1991

I was staying at Darrell's apartment. We were watching television and he made wisecrack about something. ~~so I started to hit him~~

To get back at him. I started playfully hitting him.

Then I grabbed one of his bean bag chairs and started hitting him with that. He grabbed it so I went to my feet. To clear any misunderstandings, ~~this was~~ we were just playing around. He also started hitting me with his feet and then stopped and rubbed my leg and other parts of my body. I told him to stop and he did. I didn't want

to be left alone with him so I got him to take me out. The next morning he said we should talk but I said no. He then wrote a note to me saying he'd apologized and said he was sexually molested as a child and that's why he did it. ~~[redacted]~~ picked me up and I spent the night at his house. I then came back to camp.

8/23/91

~~[redacted]~~

INCIDENT INVOLVING DARRELL SPARKS

Incident took place on Wednesday, August 14, 1991, in Wilmington, Delaware, in Darrell Sparks' apartment, [REDACTED], Wilmington, DE 19808.

[REDACTED], age 17, of [REDACTED], Reistertown, MD 21136, came into camp on Friday, August 16, and when cabin assignments were made, he asked not to be assigned to that cabin. Jim McGinn assigned him to another cabin.

On Monday, August 19, Jim talked to [REDACTED] and he told Jim that he and Darrell had been wrestling and watching television, and he was hitting at Darrell with a bean-bag chair and probably even kicked at him. Darrell used his foot and rubbed his leg and fondled his genitals with his foot.

[REDACTED] said NO, don't do that. Darrell stopped and said he shouldn't talk to anyone and should see a clergyman.

About 2:15 p.m. a man called and asked to speak to Jim, and he wanted to know if he knew he had a staff member making advances at a male staff member under age. Jim said that he had been advised and was looking into it. He told Jim it was Darrell Sparks but wouldn't give the youth's name. If we didn't do something, he would begin calling parents. I told Jim we would be down tomorrow and to make sure another adult was in this cabin.

On the advice of council attorney, Bill Poole, I contacted Randy Murrill, and we went to camp on Tuesday, August 20, to talk to [REDACTED] and Darrell Sparks.

Tuesday, August 20 - Randy Murrill and Jim Gentry arrived in camp and talked to [REDACTED]. He pretty much covered what he had said to Jim McGinn.

Randy and I brought Darrell in and told him an allegation had been made and that the council has evidence he does not meet the standards of membership in the BSA. We indicate this was confidential.

I gave Darrell Sparks a letter along with a statement (procedures for a review) and told him he should stop all Scouting activities and leave camp as soon as possible. Refunded registration fee and he gave it back, so it was mailed to him under separate cover.

Randy Murrill and I had [REDACTED] call his parents as he had said nothing to them. He got his mother at home and she said she would call his father and have him call me. [REDACTED] called and said he had called his lawyer and he didn't know what they were going to do. I told him steps had been taken to remove the individual from camp. I offered counseling should they decide it was needed.

Prepared by James M. Gentry  
Scout Executive  
Del-Mar-Va Council, BSA - #81  
Wilmington, Delaware



SEP 30 1991

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
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NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE 19720

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CHIEF OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
(302) 571-7988  
CHIEF OF EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATIONS (302) 571-7947

DAVID d. CHILLAS, DIRECTOR  
(302) 571-7901

September 26, 1991

Mr. James Gentry  
Boy Scouts of America  
DelMarVa Council  
800 Washington, Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801

Dear Mr. Gentry,

On August 20, 1991 this department received a referral from the State of Delaware, Division of Child Protective Service wherein it was alleged that [REDACTED], age 17 was the victim of an offensive touching perpetrated by Darrell Sparks, age 21. Both [REDACTED] and Sparks were counselors at Camp Rodney at the time of the incident.

During the past month, numerous telephone attempts and one letter (via Certified Mail) to the [REDACTED] residence to arrange an interview with [REDACTED] were met with negative results. Without a first hand interview with the victim, an eyewitness or physical evidence there is no crime.

Sparks has retained an attorney to represent his legal rights as well as his personal interests in this case. Therefore an interview with him was not possible. Without the elements described in the previous paragraph, it must be assumed that Sparks is innocent of this criminal accusation.

The case has been reclassified as a miscellaneous investigation and closed. In the certified letter received by [REDACTED] on 9-9-91, this case disposition was explained.

Thank you for your assistance in this investigation. Please do not hesitate to call if this department can be of further assistance to your agency.






SEPTEMBER 26, 1991

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Regarding the Owens case, sentencing is scheduled at Superior Court on November 1, 1991 at 0930 hours. If you plan to attend, feel free to call me and I'll meet you at court that morning.

Regards,



Det. Rand E. Townley  
Criminal Investigation Unit

cc: Case file

CONF025470

# BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Del-Mar-Va Council, Inc. No. 81  
801 Washington Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801-1597  
(302) 652-3741 • (800) 766-SCOUT • FAX (302) 652-3899

August 20, 1991

Mr. Darrell Sparks  
[REDACTED]

Wilmington, DE 19808

Dear Mr. Sparks:

After careful review, we have decided that your registration with the Boy Scouts of America should be denied. We are, therefore, compelled to request that you sever any relations that you may have with the Boy Scouts of America. A refund of your registration fee is enclosed.

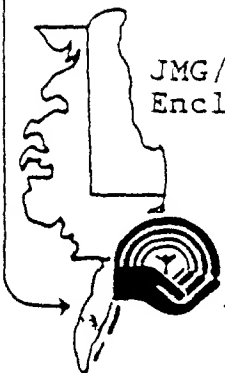
You should understand that BSA membership registration is a privilege and is not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse registration whenever there is concern that an individual may not meet the high standards of membership which the BSA seeks.

If you wish to have this decision reviewed by a BSA regional review committee, please write to the regional director within 60 days of the date of this letter, explaining your version of the facts supporting your claim that your registration as a BSA member should be granted. The procedures for a review of this decision are attached.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Gentry  
Scout Executive

JMG/pe  
Enclosures



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## PROCEDURES FOR A REVIEW

The following information is provided should you desire a review by the Northeast Region, BSA, of the decision to deny your registration.

1. Within 60 days, you must request in writing a review of this decision. Your request should be sent to: Northeast Region, Boy Scouts of America, P. O. Box 350, Dayton, NJ 08810-0350. In your request you must include your version of what occurred in support of your claim that registration should not have been denied.
2. Upon the receipt of your written request, a committee will be appointed to review the situation.
3. If the regional review committee determines that a review hearing is necessary, the committee will advise you whether or not you may attend. In some instances, no useful purpose would be served by having the applicant present. The hearing is not adversarial in nature and neither the committee nor you, if you attend, will be represented by legal counsel. If you wish, in the event you attend, you may be accompanied by no more than two other individuals if their testimony might assist the committee in discovering the truth and arriving at a correct decision.
4. The committee will review the facts as presented, and may interview any person whose testimony might assist them in arriving at a correct decision.
5. You will receive a letter setting forth the decision of the committee.
6. If you are dissatisfied with the decision of a regional review, you may request a further review by the National Council. The decision of the National Council will be final.

8/20/91

8-21-91

JIM GENTRY, S.E.  
A 81

8-13-91 CAMP ENDED - STAFF PARTY

STAFF - DARRELL C SPARKS 21 YRS OLD  
C89195 & C7962 - E2299 D 8681  
C50312 - 30070 D8602 - 079793

STAFF - [REDACTED] 17 YRS OLD

SEXUAL ADVANCES BY DARRELL TO  
[REDACTED] 8-14-91

DEPT. TOWALEY OF DELAWARE INVESTIGATED

Added To In file

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08/23/91

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LAST : SPARKS

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ADDR2: WILMINGTON

DE

ADDR3:

ADDR4:

ZIP: 19808

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MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM

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LAST : SPARKS

DE

FIRST: DARELL

ADDR2: WILMINGTON

ZIP: 19808

ADDR1:

ADDR4:

ADDR3:

AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: Y

REG STATUS: M ENROLL: 0890 BIRTH: 0000 SEX: M

BULK:

MAG-STATUS: A

MS04

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM

08/23/91

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LAST : SPARKS

ADDR1:

ADDR2: WILMINGTON

DE

ADDR3:

ADDR4:

ZIP: 19808

REG STATUS: M ENROLL: 0389 BIRTH: 0270 SEX: M AGENCY: M ADULT/YOUTH: A

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MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM

08/23/91

MEMBER DETAIL INQUIRE

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LAST : STARKS

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MS04

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT SYSTEM

08/23/91

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ADDR1:

ADDR2: WILMINGTON

DE

ADDR3:

ADDR4:

ZIP: 19808

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